

story and art
**AYUMI
KANOU**



DICTATORIAL GRIMOIRE

SNOW WHITE



Dictatorial Grimoire



Ayumi Kaseo

Cast of Characters



Otogi Grimm

Our Hero. Eighth Grade student. His life is in danger because of an agreement made by his ancestors, the Brothers Grimm. A bit rude, but has a strong sense of justice.

Cinderella

Fairy tale demon (Märchen), and the basis for the Cinderella story. A devoted servant who loves to clean, good with a sword, and extremely masochistic.



Snow White

Märchen demon and the basis for the Snow White story. An expert in creating poisons and caring for venomous creatures. A complete narcissist.

Hataushiba Hiyori

Grimm's classmate. Longs for friends, but her shyness and lack of self-confidence gets in the way. Unusually strong, and has a black belt in Judo.



Sorimachū Yuma

Grimm's classmate. Smart and very active in school, but seen as scary because of rumors from his past. His cheerful disposition masks a longing to be the hero.

Red Riding Hood

Märchen demon and the basis for the Little Red Riding Hood story. A quiet, mysterious figure who is currently part of Puss in Boots' Team Jager.



Puss in Boots

Märchen demon and the basis for the Puss in Boots story. Called "Nakota," he works as an agent, turning ordinary people into stars—and his players into heroes.

Dictatorial Grimoire

The Story So Far

Because of an agreement made by his ancestors, the Brothers Grimm, Otogi Grimm is forced to fight for his life against the fairy tale demons (Märchen) using stories as his weapon, with the faithful Cinderella by his side. But then the star-making producer Puss in Boots gives Grimm's classmate Sorimachū the power to steal the grimoire, the original volume of Grimm's *Fairy Tales* that controls the Märchen. Even Cinderella betrays Grimm, leaving him to serve Sorimachū! How will our hero ever survive, let alone triumph?!



ONCE UPON
A TIME, IN A
FARAWAY LAND,
THERE LIVED
A BOY NAMED
OTOSHI GRIMM.

THANKS TO AN
AGREEMENT
MADE BY THE
BOY'S ANCESTORS,
THE BROTHERS
GRIMM, THE BOY
WAS HUNTED BY
MARCHEN DEMONS
WHO THIRSTED
FOR HIS BLOOD.

GRIMM FAGED
HIS ENEMIES
WITH HIS
COMPANION,
THE MARCHEN
DEMON
CINDERELLA,
BUT...

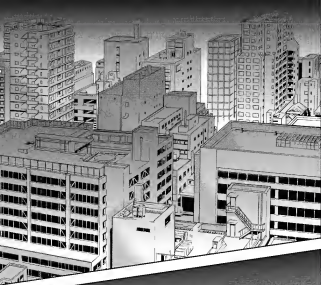
YOU
ARE
NOT...

NEEDED
HERE.





Harbinger VI Intermission









WON
DIE!! HOW
QUICKLY YOU
MASTERS
THE BOOK!

THANKS,
NEKOTA-
SAN.



WELL!
BRAND!

I KNEW
I SAW
TALENT
IN YOU,
YUMA.

CLAP
CLAP



BUT, BIEN
SUR, YOU
NEEDN'T PUT
YOURSELF IN
SUCH DANGER
TO CATCH THE
MARCHEN
DEMONS.



IT'S
KINDA
LIKE HIS
HAND-WE-
DOWN!!

WH...

YEAH,
BUT I'D
FEEL
WEIRD
USING 'EM.

AFTER
ALL, EVEN
THOUGH THE
ISRA'LS NOT
COMPLETELY
DO HAVE THE
BREMEN TOWN
MUSKANS AND
SNOW WHITE,
YOU CAN
SUMMON
THEM!



YOU
MAY SAY
WHATEVER
YOU WISH.

I
BELONG
TO
YOU.

NO.

YOU
MAD?



I
DIDN'T
MEAN
YOU.

CINDER-
ELLA.

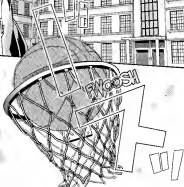


EXCUSEZ-
LUI,
EXCUSEZ!
DON'T
WORRY.

HE
HAS
GIVEN
A BIT
ON HIS
MIND,
TOO.

WHAT
WAS
THAT?







SORIMACHI-KUN'S
PRETTY
COOL,
HUH?

TOTALLY!
AND
FUNNY.

SMART,
TOO.



AW,
IT WAS
NOTHING!

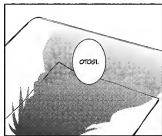


COME ON! I
JUST
GOT
LUCKY!

TOUGH
LIFE
ISN'T IT,
PROFESSOR?

WELL,
LOOK AT
THIS.

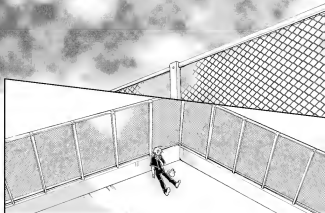












I'M
NOT BEING
CHASED BY
ANY NEW
MARCHEN
DEMONS,
EITHER.



HE
HASN'T
SUMMONED
DEMONS
SINCE
THAT
DAY.



AND
NOTH-
ING'S
REALLY
HAP-
PENED.

IT'S
BEEN
A
WEEK
NOW...



OF COURSE, THAT'S ASSUMING HE EVER TOLD ME THE TRUTH...

BUT HE SAID ONLY GRIMM'S DESCENDANT COULD USE THE BOOK.

SO FINE IN BRUTE'S PROUDLY POWER, OR WHATEVER IT IS, LET'S GRIMMUCH USE THE GRIMMIREY



WELL, I'M DONE WITH IT ALL NOW.

JERK...

JERK

SEE YA, BIT PART!

AT LEAST NO ONE'S TRYIN' TO KILL ME 'CAUSE OF THAT STUPID AGREEMENT MY ANCESTORS MADE.

THIS ISN'T SO BAD, IS IT?



YOU
ARE NOT
NEEDED
HERE.



TIME TO
CHANGE
HEROES.



UM,
OTOCHI-
KUN?

CAN I EAT
LUNCH
WITH YOU?



WEE-
WEE-
WEE

DAM-
MIT...



WHY'D YOU
HANG
OUT WITH
THOSE ICE
QUEENS,
HATEU-
SHIBA?



LIHMM, WELL, MY
FAMILY RUNS A
DOJO, SO
I'VE BEEN
DOING JUDO
EVER SINCE
I WAS LITTLE.

AND I
LOOKED
LIKE A
BOY IN
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL.

*Remember
them!!*

ICE
QUEENS?
YOU MEAN
MORI-
SAN AND
KIRISHIMA-
SAN?

THOSE
THEIR
NAME?

ICE
QUEENS
HABEMO

MORI
MORI-
NO



HEY,
I WAS
WOND-
ERING...

HAH, I
GUESS I
STILL DON'T
LOOK LIKE
A GIRL...

YOU'VE
GROWN MY
HAIR AND
EVERY-
THING.



SO I
DIDN'T
HAVE
ANY GIRL
FRIENDS
AT ALL.

EVEN
WHEN I
WENT TO
JUNIOR
HIGH,
I WAS
ALONE.





I WAS
SAD BY
MYSELF.

IT FELT
GOOD
TO HAVE
FRIENDS.

AND...

I DON'T
REALLY
GET IT.

OKAY!

LEAP

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I WANT TO ASK HIM WHAT WAS ACTUALLY GOING ON IN THE OLD MATHS BUILDING, BUT...

IT SEEMS LIKE HE DOESN'T WANT ME TO.

I SLICK.

I CAN'T JUST ALWAYS LET OTTO-KUN BE THE ONE DOING THE HELPING.



HE WAS WEARING THE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM, SO I GUESS HE'S IN ONE OF THE HIGHER GRADES.

WHAT? SOMEONE THAT HOT'S AT OUR SCHOOL?



OOH!



DID YOU SEE HIM? THAT GUY, RIGHT THERE?

I DID! THAT IS ONE SMOKIN' GUY!













THANKS
TO YOU,
I'M
STUCK
LIKE
THIS!!

STOPPING
THE SEAL
ON MY
POWER
HALFWAY
THROUGH...

DID
YOU
THINK
YOU
WERE
DOING
ME A
FAVOR??



IT'S
YOUR
FAULT!!

IF I SAT
YOUR
HEART,
I KNOW
I'LL GET
MY
POWERS
BACK...

?



AND
WHERE'S
CINDER-
ELLA?

WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THE
BOOK?







BOOM!





HE'S GOT CINDERELLA WITH HER. WHAT CAN YOU—

ANYWAY ARE YOU GOING TO DO WHEN YOU FIND HIM?

SHUT UP!

IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, IS IT?

YOU'RE NO LONGER PART OF THIS STORY.



I'M OUT OF HERE.

YOU JUST SIT THERE AND POUT.





THAT'S
RIGHT.

IT'S
NONE
OF MY
BUSI-
NESS.

NO
ONE'S
TRYIN'
TO KILL
ME.

NO
NEED
TO GO
ROUND
LOOKIN'
FOR
TROUBLE.

I'M
JUST
AN
AVER-
AGE--

"BIT
PART."



WAIT.





SO,
HELP
ME
OUT.

NO...



YOU
WANT
YOUR
POWERS
BACK,
HUH?

IF I GET
THAT BOOK
BACK, I'LL
GIVE 'EM
TO YOU.



FOLLOW
ME.



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YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING.



"BIT PART"? YEAH, RIGHT.





Marchen VII: Returning Fire

NOT
INTERESTED.

HUH?

YOU DON'T
EVEN
HAVE THE
BEGINNINGS
OF A PLAN!

AND YOU
HAVE THE
NERVE TO
TELL ME TO
FOLLOW
YOU.

*Blah
Blah*

WELL...
FROM
NOW ON...

OH, PLEASE!
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING,
RUNNING
YOUR MOUTH
LIKE THAT?

YOU'RE
COMPLETELY
POWER-
LESS!

DO YOU
THINK
YOU EVEN
STAND A
CHANCE?

Uwah

YOU'RE
THAT
GIRL,
AREN'T
YOU?

HEY, DON'T--



THE ONE
WITH NO
FRIENDS,
RIGHT?



UNLIKE
YOU HUMANS,
WE DO
PERFECTLY
FINE ON
OUR OWN!

WHAT?
ARE YOU
TRYING
TO HURT
MY FEEL-
INGS?

YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHOSE
PERSON-
ALITY IS
SO ANNOY-
ING YOU DON'T
HAVE ANY
FRIENDS!!

-GUY
THE
SAME
THING
TO YOU!

ARRRRH!

*Ala, I
don't like you
either in the
end...*



WITH A
PERSON-
ALITY LIKE
THAT, NO
WONDER
HE CAN'T
MAKE ANY
FRIENDS.

ERASE
NO WAY.
THIS POOL
THINKS HE CAN
JUST SWAMP HIS
FRIENDS AND
EVERYTHING'LL
FALL INTO
PLACE!!

I
WOULD
ACTU-
ALLY...

Waaaaah



DON'T
BE STUPID!
THAT GUY'S
NO FRIEND
OF MINE!!

HIM?!

THAT'S
WHAT
GETS YOU
ANGRY?!

WHAT
ABOUT
THAT GUY
WHO CAME
TO SAVE
YOU? HE
MUST
BE A
FRIEND.

RED
RIDIN'
HOOD.





RAPUNZEL!

LET
DOWN
YOUR
HAIR!!

?!

OH, THAT?
THAT'S WHAT
HAPPENS
WHEN YOU
COMPLETELY
SEAL THE
MARCHEN
DEMONS.

THEY HAVE
NO WILL OF
THEIR OWN.

ALL THEY
CAN DO IS
WHAT THE
OWNER OF
THE BOOK
COMMANDS
THEM.

THAT'S
ONLY
PROPER
THOUGH.



THEY ARE
FICTIONAL
CHARACTERS,
AFTER ALL.

IT
WOULD BE
WIERDER IF
THEY WENT
PROWLING
AROUND
WITH THEIR
OWN WILLS.



ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT,
SNOW
WHITE?!

THUD





AAAAAAAH!

UH-LH,
NO WAY!
THE LOWER
CHARACTER
DOESN'T
GET TO
ESCAPE!

GRAB

AFTER
THEM,
DARLING--





AND
THEN
YOU GO
BUTTING
IN...

I
COULDPVE
HANDLED
THAT LITTLE
UPSTART
MYSELF.



GURRS
IT'S 'CAUSE
I'M IN A BAD
PLACE RIGHT
NOW. I JUST
KINDA MOVED
WITHOUT
THINKING.



GAH!

YOU...!!

I DIDN'T
ASK FOR
YOUR HELP
EITHER,
Y'KNOW.



SORRY
FOR
SETTIN'
IN YOUR
WAY.



I'M AN
IDIOT.

I
GET ALL
CARRIED
AWAY.
EVEN
THOUGH
I CAN'T
EVEN DO
ANYTHING.





BUT NOW,
GORIMACHI-
KUN CAN
USE THE BOOK
BECAUSE OF
PUDE IN BOOT-
GAN'S POWER.

AND IF YOU
HAVE THE
ORIGINAL
MANUSCRIPT OF
GRIMM'S FAIRY
TALES, YOU
CAN SEAL UP
THE DEMONS OR
SOMETHING...
ANYWAY, IF YOU
HAVE IT,
YOU'RE
OKAY.

THE
CHARACTERS
FROM THE
FAIRY TALES...
THE MARCHEN
DEMONS ARE
TRYING TO KILL
YOU, GOTOH-
KUN...

AND YOUR
"RELATIVE"
IS ACTUALLY
CINDERELLA.

I
KEEP
TELLING
YOU, I'M
SNOW
WHITE.

AND
THIS
GUY...



WHAT?!
I AM
GOING
TO
POISON
THIS
GIRL!!

NO
WAY!! I
WON'T
ACCEPT
YOU AS
SNOW
WHITE!!



BREMEN.



SHUT UP!
YOU CAN'T
BELIEVE
THOSE
STORIES
EXACTLY
THE WAY
THEY'RE
WRITTEN!
DUMMY!!

WHY
ARE
YOU A
GUY?!

*And the
conversation
is going to
end so*



DOESN'T
MATTER!
I'M A
PRINCESS
BECAUSE
I'M BEAU-
TIFUL!

YOU'RE
A
GIRL.

USE MY
PROPER
NAME! I'M A
PRIN-
CESS!

AND
WHY
WOULD
"BITE" BE

I DO
NOT
BITE!!

HEY KUT

OOH!

CARE-
FUL,
DON'T LET
SNOW BITE
YOU.



YOU DON'T
SEEM TOO
SURPRISED,
HATSUSHIRA.

A
hippo?
I'm a
donkey!

HE'S
SO
CUTE!

THIS
IS THE
BREMEN
TOWN
MUSI-
CIANS?

OH, I'M
TOTALLY
SUR-
PRISED



ANYWAY,
I'M JUST
GLAD YOU
TOLD ME.



I
CAN
HEAR
YOU,
YOU
KNOW.

IT'S
JUST THAT
AFTER
SNOW
WHITE,
THIS ISN'T
SO BAD.



GETTING
SAVED
ALL
THE TIME,
AND BEING
KEPT IN
THE DARK
ABOUT
IT...

IT WAS
KINDA
LONELY.



YOU'RE
ALWAYS
HELPING
ME OUT,
OTOSHI-KUN.



THE
GRIMORE'S
CURRENT
OWNER
SEEMS LIKE
TROUBLE.



NOW
THAT
THIS
LITTLE
LOVE-IN
IS DONE,
WHAT'S
NEXT?

SOT?

SORRY.

DON'T
APOLO-
GIZE! I
SHOULD'VE
ASKED
YOU
SOONER.



AND WITH
CINDERELLA
ON HIS SIDE,
GETTING THE
BOOK BACK'LL
BE TOUGH.

WHY'D
CINDERELLA
TURN ON YOU
ANYWAY?



NO
CLUE.





HE...
SEEMED
LIKE
HE WAS
ANGRY
WITH
ME.

I NEVER
ASKED HIM
ANYTHIN'
ABOUT
HIMSELF...

I DON'T
KNOW
ANYTHIN'.



Ouch!

YOU
REALLY
HAVE
MADE A
FINE
MESS OF
THINGS.

HE
BETRAYED
YOU, AND
YOU DON'T
KNOW ANY-
THING ABOUT
YOUR OWN
SERVANT!

WHAT?!
ARE YOU
SERIOUS?!



WELL, DO
YOU KNOW
ANYTHIN'
ABOUT HIM?

YOU
SAID YOU
HADN'T SEEN
HIM IN TWO
HUNDRED
YEARS OR
SOMETHIN'.



"THINK
VERY
CAREFULLY
ABOUT WHO
YOU CHOOSE
TO STAND
WITH YOU."

HE...
RED RIDING
HOOD SEEMED
TO KNOW
SOMETHING,
BUT...

NO, I'D
NEVER SEEN
CINDERELLA
BEFORE
THAT DAY.

I'VE
HEARD
RUMORS
THAT
CINDERELLA
HAS SOME
ESPECIALLY
STRONG
POWERS...

AND YET
NO ONE
HAD SEEN
ANY SIGN
OF HIM
FOR TWO
HUNDRED
YEARS.

THE
PERSON WE
WERE ALL
SUPPOSED TO
KILL AND
IF THAT ISN'T
STRANGE...
ENOUGH, HE
BETRAYS
YOU AND
GOES OFF TO
SERVE SOME
OTHER KING.

AND NOW
THAT I
THINK ABOUT
IT, NONE
OF IT MAKES
SENSE. WHY
WOULD HE
SERVE THE
DESCENDANT
OF GRIMM...



CAFE



OH!



WHAT IS CINDERELLA AFTER?

WHY DOES THAT SCORMACH KID WANT THE BOOK?

AND WHY IS PUSSE IN BOOTS HELPING HIM?



LOOK IN THE HEARTH?



GRIMM!

CINDERELLA TOLD MEOW SOMETHING ONCE!

Chirp!





YUMA!



FROM
THE
GRIM-
MOIRE...

THE
CINDERELLA
PAGE...?



AND OTTOGE
GRIMM AND
SNOW WHITE
AREN'T
ANY REAL
THREAT.

AFTER
ALL, THE
BOOK AND
THE POWER
BELONG TO
YOU NOW,
NON?



THAT
SCENE
BEFORE,
UN FEU
DANGER-
EUX.

USING THE
BOOK AT
SCHOOL
IS A BAD
IDEA. YOU
STAND OUT
TOO MUCH.



I'M
FINE.

NOTHING.

WHAT'S
WITH THE
GRIMPY
FACE, MON
AM?



IT
IS AS
PLUSH
JUST
SAID...

YOU
WERE
TOO
CONSPIC-
UOUS.

WHY'D
YOU STOP
ME BACK
THERE?

YOU'RE
LYING.



YOU'RE
STILL
WORRIED
ABOUT
OTOGI,
AREN'T
YOU?



VERY
WELL.

SO
PROVE
IT.

YOU
BELONG
TO ME
NOW,
RIGHT?

"Kissed at the German word for 'kiss'."

AS YOU
WISH.

MY
KONIG*.

IT'S A
BIT OF A
CLICHE, BUT
HOW ABOUT
YOU KISS
MY FEET?







I'M
PERFECT FOR THE
ROLE
OF THE
HERO!

I'M
THE
ONE...

I...



THE OLD
PRINCE WAS
NICER, MUCH
BETTER,
MÊME-CE PAS
CINDERELLA?



PLEASE
DO NOT
TOUCH
ME.



NO,
MY!

THE
NEW
PRINCE
IS QUITE
MOODY, NON?



ARE
YOU
STILL
UPSET
ABOUT
ALL
THAT?



YOU'RE
SO
GOLD



AND
IF HIS
POWER
WERE TO
DISAPPEAR
NOW, IT
WOULD BE
MILKING
FOR YOU
TOO, HAH?

WOW, I
AM NO
FIGHTER.
YOU KNOW
THAT.

TIME
OUT!
TIME
OUT!





SO IS THAT
GUY GOING
TO STAY IN
YOUR HOUSE,
OTOSHI-KUN?



AFTER ALL,
YOUR GLASS
SLIPPER IS
STILL OVER
THERE.

WHICH
OF THESE
PRINCES
CAN GRANT
YOUR WISH, I
WONDER?

*You'll better
not be thinking
of leaving me
out in the cold!*

SNOW
WHITE?
WELL, I'VE
GOT A LOT
OF ROOMS,
AND IT'S
BETTER
THAN HIM
COMIN' TO
SCHOOL..

ISN'T
THAT
DANGER-
OUS?

OTOSHI-KUN...
WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO DO
WITH THAT?

I DON'T
KNOW
ABOUT HATE...
ALTHOUGH,
I WILL USE A
SHOULDER
THROW ON
HIM IF HE
PICKS ON
YOU.

SHOOT!
YOU
HATE
HIM,
DON'T
YOU?

HE'S
PROBABLY
OKAY.

SOME-
HOW.

I GET THE
FEELING HE'S
NOT SUCH A
BAD GUY.



FINALLY, AN
ADVANTAGE!
THAT'S A
WEAPON.

SEAL
CINDERELLA
UP.

ARE YOU
GOING
TO SEAL
CINDERELLA
IN THE
BOOK?



DON'T
TELL ME
YOU'RE
GOING
SOFT
ON HIM!

GRAB



I
DON'T
want!



YOU
WANT
TO
GET
THE
BOOK
BACK,
DON'T
YOU?

WHERE'S
YOUR
SWAGGER
NOW,
ALL THAT
"FOLLOW
ME" NON-
SENSE?



DECIDE.

WIELDER
OF FAIRY
TALES.



WHY
WOULD
HE TELL ME
ABOUT THIS
PAGE?

WHAT IS HE
THINKING?

HEY,
OTOGI-
KUN?

CINDER-
ELLA...



BUT I
GUESS
THERE ARE
TIMES WHEN
IT'S BETTER
TO ASK.

YOU
KNOW, I'M
REALLY GLAD
YOU TOLD ME
ABOUT THE
MARCHEN
DEMONS AND
STUFF.

IT SEEMS
RUDE TO ASK
FRIENDS ABOUT
THINGS THEY
DON'T WANT TO
TALK ABOUT...



AND BORI-
MACHI-
KUN--

CINDER-
ELLA-
SAN.



SO UM,
I THINK IF
YOU ACTUALLY
JUST TALK TO
THEM, THEY'LL
UNDERSTAND.



I'VE GOT
NOTHIN'
TO SAY
TO HIM!

I'M...
I JUST
WANNA
TAKE BACK
WHAT HE
STOLE
FROM
ME.



WHOA
WHOA.
YOU
MAKE IT
SOUND
LIKE I'M
THE BAD
GUY.



BUT
HEY, DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

WE'RE
FRIENDS,
RIGHT?

GR...



I JUST
TOOK OVER
THE ROLE
OF HERO
SINCE YOU
WEREN'T
DOING
ANYTHING
USEFUL
WITH IT.



FOR
ME?



I HAVE
GOOD NEWS
FOR YOU,
HATSUSHIBA.



MORI-
SAN!
KIRISHIMA-
SAN!!



THESE
TWO USED
YOU AND
IGNORED
YOU,
RIGHT?

THEY REALLY
SUCKED. SO
I FIGURED IT
TO BE BEST FOR
EVERYONE IF
THEY WERE
GONE.



UNLIKE OTTOH
THERE, I
HATE DOING
THINGS
HALF-ASSED.

I'LL
SAVE YOU,
HATSUSHIBA,
BY MAKING
THESE TWO
BRATS
DISAPPEAR.



SORI-
MACHI!!!

独裁姫と王様

Dictatorial Princess





Der gestiefelte Kater

Marchen VIII. Puss in Boots



OTOGI-KUN,
CAN YOU
ACTUALLY
USE A
SWORD?

HE'S NOT
GONNA BE
MUCH USE IN A
FIGHT, SO, BE
PREPARED TO
DEAL WITH ALL
THE PHYSICAL
STUFF.

BY
WHICH
HE
MEANS...

A
LITTLE.

GRRRR

WHAT
EXACTLY
IS IT
WITH
YOU?

*Breath, you
keep an eye
on the house.*

I WAS
ALREADY
PREPARED
FOR THAT,
YOU KNOW,
AND JUST
WHAT
CAN YOU
CONTRIBUTE,
ANYWAY?

HAHA! I'M
UNDER NO
OBLIGATION
TO TELL
YOU.







THHP

WHERE
ARE
THEY?!

HATSU-
SHIBA!!

WATCH
YOUR
STEP...

WE
WILL
SAVE!...

MORI
AND
KRISHIMA.

I'M NOT GONNA
LET
SORMACHI
DO WHAT-
EVER HE
WANTS.

RELAX.

OHAY...



THE POOR MILLER'S SON GAVE THE TONIGHT A PAIR OF BOOTS. THE CAT PUT THEM ON AND WENT TO THE CASTLE.

"PLEASE MASTER, GIVE ME A PAIR OF BOOTS."

WELL, SEE---

YOU DON'T KNOW THAT EITHER?

"IF YOU DO SO, YOU SHALL SEE HOW USEFUL I CAN BE."

"I SERVE THE MARQUIS OF CARABASSA," THE CAT ANNOUNCED.

BUT HE DIDN'T ACTUALLY HAVE AN ESTATE, DID HE? WHAT DID HE DO?

I WOULD LOVE TO VISIT HIS ESTATE AND THANK HIM MYSELF.

YOUR MASTER IS A VERY GENEROUS MAN.

SAYING IT WAS A GIFT FROM THE MARQUIS, HE PRESENTED THE KING WITH GEMS WITH GEMS HE HAD CAUGHT HIMSELF. HE CONVINCED THE ENTIRE COURT OF THE EXISTENCE OF THIS MARQUIS.

WELL....



OUI, C'EST MOI!

PULL IN BOOTS?

THAT'S
BAD FOR
BUSINESS!

BUT
ALONG
NO
SPOILERS
NOW!

RING

BENEATH
HIS HUMBLE
SKIN, THAT
MAN HAD THE
REFINEMENT
OF A
MARQUIS.

WOW, I
MERELY
REVEALED
IT FOR
HIM!

THIS IS
SOMETHING I UNDER-
STAND
VERY, VERY WELL!

YOU
COULD
CALL
THOSE
DEFECTS
WEAK
POINTS.

PEOPLE
ALWAYS HAVE
VIRTUES AND
DEFECTS,
MONT!



LIKE
THIS,
REGARDEZ!!



AAH!!

SNOW!
OVER
HERE!!

SNOW
!!

NO! I
AM NO
GOOD
AT ZE
BATTLE!

THIS
SORT OF
THING IS MY
STRENGTH.
ENJOY!

DAMMIT...
STOP...

?!



GLASSES.

WHAT'S THIS?

HATSUSHIBA'S BROTHER'S.

I THOUGHT
MAYBE YOU'D
BE OKAY AS
LONG AS YOU
DIDN'T LOOK
DIRECTLY AT
THE MIRROR,
SO I SORT OF
BORROWED
THEM FOR
YOU.

*Please don't
break them.*



Whoa...

OH! IT
WORKS.

I CAN
SEE THAT
THEY'RE
GLASSES!

IF
SOME-
THING
THAT
SIMPLE
COULD
SOLVE THE
PROBLEM,
DON'T YOU
THINK--



THAT'S THE
DEFINITION OF
NARCISSISM,
YOU KNOW.

DON'T
CALL ME A
NARCISSIST. I
JUST LOVE MY
BEAUTIFUL
SELF.

YOU'RE
SUCH A
NARCISSIST.
WHAT'S
YOUR
PROBLEM
WITH
MIRRORS?

BUT
THEY'RE
HIDEOUSLY
UNFLATTER-
ING. I JUST
GOT TWENTY
PERCENT LESS
BEAUTIFUL.



SNOW
WHITE
IN THE
FAIRY TALE
DIES FROM A
POISONED
APPLE
BECAUSE HER
STEPMOTHER'S
JEALOUS, RIGHT?

THAT
THING I
SAW IN THE
MIRROR.

THAT GOT
SOMETHIN'
TO DO WITH
"MOTHER"?

STOP
MOTH-
ER...

FFF!



IT WAS
THE SAME
FOR ME.

SHE
HATED
ME THE
SAME
WAY.

UGLY!
YOU'RE
JUST SO
UGLY!
LIKE A
LIZARD!

EXCEPT
SHE
WASN'T
MY STEP-
MOTHER,
SHE WAS
MY REAL
MOTHER.

WHEN
SOMEONE
STANDS YOU
IN FRONT OF A
MIRROR EVERY
DAY AND TELLS
YOU THAT, YOU
START TO SEE
IT, TOO.

APPARENTLY
SHE THOUGHT
SHE LOST HER
LOOKS AFTER
GIVING BIRTH
TO ME.



HA!
WHAT ARE
YOU FREAK-
ING OUT
ABOUT?

"APPAR-
ENTLY?"
YOUR OWN
MOTHER?



AND
APPARENTLY
EVERY DAY
SHE POISONED
ME A LITTLE
AT A TIME
TO TRY TO
KILL ME.



FAIRY
TALES
ARE
CRUEL.

BUT...
THAT'S
TOO
FAR.



ANYWAY!
TURNS OUT
MY TRUE
FORM IS NOT
THAT UGLY
LEARD-THING
AFTER ALL.

THIS
BEAUTIFUL
ME IS THE
REAL ME!
UNDERSTAND?



REALLY?

My face
isn't
well,
your
face's
pretty
anyway.

YOUR
FACE!
JUST
YOUR
FACE!
YOUR
PERSON-
ALITY IS
MISER-
ABLE!!

OH? WHAT
DID
YOU
JUST
SAY?!

DOES
CINDER-
ELLA,
TOO?

GUESS
THESE
MARCHEN
DREAMS
ALL HAVE
THEIR OWN
STORIES.



I HEAR
SOME-
THING!

SQUEAK









HUH.



WELL, THEN
PLEASE
DON'T
ASK!
SNEEESH...

I
DON'T
REALLY
CARE.



NO,
I...

I JUST
WANT
TO BE
LIKE
CHOGI-
KUN.

BE
SOMEONE
WHO CAN
SAVE HER
FRIENDS
WITHOUT
HESITATING,
LIKE A
HERO...



THUD



GO! FIND
SCORMACH
AND GET
THE BOOK
BACK!



WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?!



NO
MARCHEN
CAN DIE IN A
FIGHT WITH
ANOTHER
MARCHEN.

AND
I CAN
HOLD
HER OFF
AT LEAST.
YOU OWE
ME ONE!

DASH

BUT
I THINK
OTOCHI-KUN
WOULD BE
SAD, SO...

I DON'T
CARE WHAT
HAPPENS TO
YOU!! YOU
KIDNAPPED
ME!!

MAKE
SURE
YOU
COME
BACK,
OKAY?

HUH.

JUST
WHO DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE UP
AGAINST
HERE?!

HAH!!





BURNING
HAIR
SMELLS
TERRIBLE,
DOESN'T
IT?

IT
GENERATES
SULFUR DIOXIDE
GAS, WHICH IS
POISONOUS.





IT'S NOT
ATTRACTIVE!



TRY
NOT TO
STRAGGLE.

I HATE
WOMEN
WHO LOSE
THEIR COM-
POGURE.



IN HIGH
CON-
CENTRATIONS,
IT CAN
LEAD TO
RESPIRATORY
FAILURE.

I'M
HABITUATED
TO
POISONS,
SO IT
DOESN'T
HAVE ANY
EFFECT
ON ME.



DAMN IT!

NOW HE'LL
THINK I'M
COPYING
HIM. HOW
TEDIOUS.



I NEED
YOU TO
GET MY
POWER
BACK.

DON'T
GO
DYING
ON ME.

**AN
OGRE?**



YOU ARE
A MERE
CAT, YET
YOU DARE
TO MAKE
FUN OF
ME?

HOW
STRONG
IS YOUR
MAGIC?

YOU
COULDN'T
CHANGE
INTO A
LITTLE
MOUSE,
COULD YOU?



THEY TELL
ME THIS
MANOR
AND ITS
SURROUND-
ING LANDS
BELONG
TO YOU.

MAGNIFICENT
WONDERFUL!

WATCH.



YOU
LOOK
SO
TASTY!

WHOA
....

AND THE
CAT ATE UP
THE GORE IN
ONE BITE. THE
MANOR AND
SURROUNDING
LANDS NOW
BELONGED
TO THE
MILLER'S SON.

THE MAN,
A REAL
MARQUIS
NOW,
MARRIED THE
PRINCESS,
BECAME KING,
AND LIVED
HAPPILY
EVER
AFTER.





TOLDOURS
IN THE DARK,
THROUGH
CIRCUMSTANCES
BEYOND YOUR
CONTROL.

I NEVER
GOT ANY
ANSWERS.

"WHERE'S
DAD?"

"WHY DO WE
ALWAYS HAVE
TO MOVE?"

"WHERE'RE
WE GOING?"



SOMEONE...

TOWJOURS
ALONE.

STOP!

ANSWER
ME...!!

SOME-
ONE...

HATSU-
SHIBATO!
WHERE
ARE
YOU?!

STOP
IT!

SNOW
!!

DER-
ELLA...

CIN...

Huf
Huf



TOLLJOURS
ALONE.

STOP



ANSWER
ME...!

SOME-
ONE...



HATEU-
SHIBU! WHERE
ARE
YOU?!

STOP
IT.

SNOW
!!



Huf

Huf

CIN...

DER-
ELLA...

SOMEONE...





COME ON NOW! IF YOU DON'T DRAW YOUR SWORD, HE'LL KILL YOU, Y'KNOW?

NGH!

NO!!

GASP

CINDER-ELLA!

LISTEN TO...

DO IT, CINDER-ELLA!!

THE EVIL STEP-SISTERS...

THEY GET THEIR EYES GOUGED OUT IN THE END, YOU KNOW.

THIS ISN'T WHAT I'M HERE FOR!!



CINDER-
ELLA!

CLEAN
UP!

AS
YOU
WISH,
KONIG.



Marchers **IX** *Decision*



CINDER-
ELLA!

STD...

WHY?

WHY
IS HE
DOING
THIS...

YOU'RE
MAKING
THAT
"WHY"
FACE.

IT'S
SIMPLE.



I WAS
PLANNING
TO STEAL
THE BOOK
FROM YOU
ALL ALONG.
THAT'S WHY
I GOT
CLOSE
TO YOU.



NEKOTA-SAN
TOLD ME
ABOUT YOU.
SAID THAT
OTOGI GRIMM
HAD A
MYSTERIOUS
POWER.

ASKED
ME IF I
WANTED TO
MAKE THAT
POWER MINE.



I JUST
PAID THEM
BACK.

IT WAS
THEIR OWN
FAULT.
I WAS
MINDING
MY OWN
BUSINESS,
AND THEY
BULLIED
ME.

THEY
TOLD
YOU,
DIDN'T
THEY?

AT MY OLD
SCHOOL, I
SENT TEN OF
THE OLDER
GUYS TO THE
HOSPITAL...

ALL
OF IT!!

EVERY-
THING!!

NEKOTA-
SAN
TAUGHT
ME THAT,
TOO!!

HOW
TO HIT
THEM IN
EXACTLY
THE RIGHT
SPOTS.

HOW TO
PRETEND
TO BE
YOUR FRIEND
TO GET
CLOSE TO YOU.



"THE
LONELY, SAD
TRANSFER
STUDENT?"

SORI-
MA—

"THE
TRAGIC
HERO?"



CRACK

YOU
GOTTA BE
YOUR OWN
HERO.
NO ONE'S
GONNA COME
SAVE YOU.

WHAT A
SPOILED
BRAT!!

WITHOUT
YOUR GUARD
DOG, YOU'RE
HELPLESS,
AREN'T
YOU?!





BUT
YOU CAN'T
DO ANY-
THING BY
YOURSELF.

YOU
CAN'T
SAVE
ANY-
ONE.



CINDER-
ELLA?!





WHO SAID YOU COULD LEAVE YOUR POST?!

DAMMIT!

GET BACK HERE!!

KRACK

OH...
UH-HUH--

Flow

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

OH...



LEAVING
YOURSELF
VULNERABLE
TO AN
ENEMY...

YOU
ARE
STILL
SOFT.

YES.

E-
ENEMY?!

HANG
ON, TIME
OUT! I
DON'T GET
THIS!

WHY
DO I
HAVE TO
FIGHT
YOU?!

CLANG



I WOULD
HELP YOU TO
DEFEAT THE
MARCHEN
DEMONS...

BUT
IF YOU
REFUSED
TO FIGHT,
I WOULD
STEAL
YOUR
SOUL...



I TOLD
YOU AT THE
BEGINNING.

YOU NEVER
ASKED, SO I
ASSUMED YOU
UNDERSTOOD.



YOU
REALLY
DON'T
KNOW?

HUM?



IT'S
A VERY
DIFFERENT
STORY!!



AND IN THE
BEGINNING,
YOU DID FIGHT,
EXACTLY AS I
HAD HOPED.

BUT NOW, WITH
YOU WHITTILING
AWAY AT YOUR
POWERS, KEEPING
THE MARCHEN
DEMONS AT YOUR
SIDE LIKE BREMEN
OR SAKU WHITE,
INSTEAD OF
GRABING THEM
ENTIRELY...

A MASTER
WHO CANNOT
DO THAT...

I
HATE THE
MARCHEN
DEMONS.

IS
NOT THE
MASTER
FOR ME.

I WANT
EVERY LAST
ONE OF THEM
WIPE OUT.

WHA
...?





**FLY
AT
IT!!**

FLAP

Huff

Huff



**FLY
AT
IT!!**





PLEASE
SEAL ME
AWAY.



BUT...

I'M
DONE.

MY
LORD.

THE ONE
WHO COULD
DEFEAT THE
MARCHEN
DEMONS...
THE ONLY
ONE WHO
COULD GRANT MY
WISH—

I WAITED
FOR YOU
IN THAT
PRISON FOR TWO
HUNDRED
YEARS.





THEN
THERE IS
NO NEED...
FOR ME.

I AM
STILL A
MARCHEON
DEMON
THROUGH AND
THROUGH.

IF I CANNOT
DEFEAT MY
OWN KIND...

RRRRIP

RR

SUCK
ON THAT.
I DON'T
TAKE
ORDERS
FROM
YOU.

'CAUSE
I'M A
TOTAL
SADIST.

NOW I
CAN'T SEAL
YOU UP.

WHAT--



DON'T
EVER
SAY
THAT
YOU...

DON'T
MATTER.

YOU COULD
END THIS AS
EASILY AS
TURNING
A PAGE.

BUT
YOU...

I SAID
I'W NOT
GONNA
DO IT,
DIDN'T
I?

WE'RE
NOT REAL.
JUST
FAIRY TALES.

NOT
TO ME
YOU'RE
NOT.

I COULDN'T ASK YOU ANYTHING...

BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID.

BREMEN...

SNOW...

RAFLINZEL...
AND YOU
TOO, I
BET.

YOU'RE
EACH
CARRYING
AROUND
YOUR OWN
UNIQUE
STORY.

TO JUST
IGNORE
THAT AND
SEAL YOU
UP...

I
WON'T
DO IT.

SO AFRAID
THAT I EVEN
WANTED TO BE
FRIENDS.

SCREW
IT.



I'M SICK OF BEING ALONE.

YOU MIGHT
BE ABLE TO
LEAD ME INTO
A WHOLE NEW
STORY.

I
SEE.

I'M NOT
CRYIN' DUMBASS!

WHAT
YOU'VE
JUST
GOT
QUICK
IN YOUR
EYES?

And
you'll
holler
with
your
nose.

Waaah!

I'M
NOT A
BABY-
SITTER.

WID I NOT
ALSO TELL
YOU THAT
AT THE
BEGINNING?

PLEASE
DO NOT
CRY.

TOUSLE





SO YOU'VE GONE AND MADE UP, HMP?

MON DIEU!



THAT VOICE...

WITH THE FALSE PRINCE GONE, WE'RE MISSING A BIT PLAYER NOW, NOW?

SEEMS LIKE HE WON'T BE MY INSURANCE EITHER.

PLUG IN BOOTS!!



INSUR-ANCE?



GRUNNT? HE'S...

SORIMACHI-SAN'S IN DANGER!!

GOTTA QUESTION FOR YOU



CAN YOU LEND ME SOME MONEY?

AND WE'RE FRIENDS SO YOU'LL SPOT US, RIGHT?

WE'RE A LITTLE SHORT.



HEY, SORUMACHI-KLIN.



OH, YEAH?

BUT... YOU'VE NEVER PAID ME BA--



BEEP!

HEH HEH. THANKS AGAIN.

YOU'RE THE BEST, SORUMACHI-KLIN.







THE TRAGIC HERO DOOMED TO FIGHT BECAUSE OF HIS ANCESTORS!

MAIS, BIEN SUR, THERE IS A TRULY SWEET ROLE THAT I KNOW OF.

WITH HIS SPECIAL POWERS, HE STRUGGLES AGAINST HIS DESTINY, HIS POWERFUL COMPANION AT HIS SIDE!!

NOT A BIT OF IT. NO, I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE THE PERFECT FIT FOR THIS ROLE.

SOUNDS LIKE A STORY FROM A MANGA.

ALTHOUGH THE BITS ABOUT BEING SPECIAL AND HAVING THAT COMPANION DON'T SOUND TOO TRAGIC.

HOW ABOUT IT?





HEY!

I WAS HOPING
YOU'D TAKE
CARE OF
OTOSHI FOR
ME THEN.

DING
DING
DING!

GUESS I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE EXPECTED
SO MUCH FROM
A LOVER LIKE
YOU.



DAMNIT!
HER
AGAIN?!

YOU
STUB-
BORN
—!

RAPLIN-
ZEL!
LET
DOWN
YOUR
HAIR!!

SHWUP



SERIOUSLY?
CHANGING
SIDES
AGAIN?!

SO
FICKLE.

YOU
OKAY,
SNOW?!



THAT'S
NO WAY
TO SPEAK
TO ME. I
OUGHT TO
GAG YOU.

WHAT
—



NGH...
WHERE
AM I?

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

LOOK AT
YOU! ALL
OF YOU!
BANDING
TOGETHER
IN YOUR
LITTLE
GROUP?!

NONE
OF YOU
CAN DO
ANYTHING
BY YOUR-
SELVES!!





AMAZON!!

STOP
CALLING ME
'AMAZON'!
MY NAME IS
MIYORI!!

Ow! WHOOOMP





WE'RE
FRIENDS.

I
REALLY
WAS
HAPPY.



SORI-
MACHI.



YOU TOLD
ME WE WERE
FRIENDS...

SO I
NEVER
ASKED YOU
ANYTHING
ABOUT
YOURSELF.

I WAS
HAPPY...
I DIDN'T
WANT YOU
TO HATE
ME.

SORRY.

WHAT?

GRIMM !!

TAKE HIM, RAPUNZEL!!

WHAT ARE YOU BABBLED ABOUT?

I'VE HAD ENOUGH! KILL THEM ALL!!

DON'T ATTACK HIM!

DO YOU NOT GET WHO YOU ARE HERE? YOU'RE THE BIT PLAYER!!

RAPUNZEL?

?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!

OBEY MY ORDERS, RAPUN-

GRIM, DON'T RAGE.



AND THE ONLY ONE WITH THE POWER TO SEAL MARCHEM DEMONS IS A DESCENDANT OF GRAM.

FOUR
YOUS, IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE.

A
PRODUCER
CAN ONLY
BRING OUT
TALENT THAT'S
ALREADY
THERE.

MEKOTA-
GAL...



I
GUESS
IT'S NOT
GOING TO
WORK
AFTER
ALL.



DID YOU
THINK
YOU WERE
SPECIAL,
HM?

MON
PETIT
UNDER-
STUDY?



YOU
PROM-
ISED!

BUT...

YOU...



ATTACKING
ME WON'T
GET YOUR
BOOK BACK!

HAAAAA

WHOOOPS!



PUSS IN
BOOTS!! I
WON'T LET
YOU DO
THIS!!



EXCUSE??
WORK
SLIMMING
ME.

GET
OFF
THE
PHONE,
JERKY!

Do not
even get
a signal
in here!!

HYOOO



WHAT?
YOU CAN'T
SING ANY-
MORE?
PUS DE
PROBLEME!
YOU HAVE
TALENT--
YOU'LL BE
FINE!

DIE-
GAMI!
WHY SO
FRANTIC?
YOU'RE
RECORDING
NOW, NON?



HEY,
NEKOTA
HERE.

LOOK
FORWARD TO
WORKING WITH
PLIES IN BOOTS
AGAIN IN THE
FUTURE!

BAM!!

WHEN I'VE GOT
SOMETHING
POUR YOURS,
I'LL CALL
YOU.

I'D PLANNED
ON TAKING
YOUR HEART
AFTER THE
DOUBLE-BILLING
LEFT YOU SANS
POWER.

BUT IT
SEEMS YOU
ARE GOING
TO BE A
TRICKY
CLIENT.

SORI-
MACHI!
GIVE
ME THE
BOOK!

MAYBE
RAPUNZEL
WILL
LISTEN
TO ME!

OTTOH-KUN,
SORI-MACHI-
KUN'S--

QUIT
MESSING
AROUND!
WAIT FOR
ME!

SQUEEZE

AAAAAAAH!

KRRK
KRRK

HATE
ME IF
YOU
WANT!!

WH...
WHY
...?!

YOU...
YOU'RE--



I
JUST
WANT
TO
HELP
YOU!!

I
DON'T
CARE
ABOUT
BIT
PARTS
AND
HERGES!

THAT'S
RIGHT

THE
TRUTH
IS...



I
WANTED
SOMEONE
TO HELP
ME.



SO
YOU
JUST
DECIDE
TO
SAVE
ME...

YUP.

I
DIDN'T
ASK
FOR
YOUR
HELP.

I
KNOW.





THIS IS
WHAT I
HATE
ABOUT
YOU...!



IT'S
OKAY IF
YOU LIED
'BOUT THE
FRIEND
THING.



A wide shot of a playground at night. In the center, a small character with light hair is seen from behind, standing on a path. To the left is a large slide. To the right is a building with a grid-like structure. A street lamp is visible. The scene is framed by large, close-up images of the two characters' faces from the panels above.



Dictatorial Grimoire

独裁 Gyudai

Autocratic Governance





*I WAITED
FOR YOU
INSIDE
THE DARK
HEARTH.*



I'M HOME.

I
GUESS.

IS THIS
THE LORD
I'VE BEEN
WAITING
FOR ALL
THIS
TIME?



WELCOME
HOME,
GRIMM.

SMALL,
WEAK,
LONELY.

HE'S
JUST A
CHILD.

I
WILL
LOVE
YOU.



Marchen

X The End of the
Beginning

SKRAK

DON'T
MAKE ANY
FUNNY
MOVES.

SETTING
DOESNED'S
PRETTY
PAINFUL
FOR A
MARCHEN
DEMON.

DON'T
CARE, AND
THIS GUY'S
A DANGER.

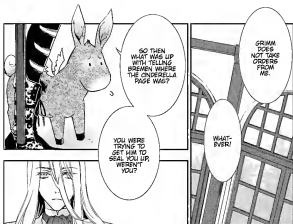
HE'S
PROBABLY
PLOTING
TO MAKE
GRIMM
SEAL US
UP
AGAIN.

SNOW WHITE,
STOP MEOOW.
WHAT WOULD
GRIMM SAY?

SHUT
UP, YOU
PERVERT!

I
DON'T
EXACTLY
HATE
RAIN.

Or
being
died
up.







BUT
HE MIGHT
STILL BE
PLOTING
AGAINST
YOU!

SNOW! I
TOLD YOU
WE DIDN'T
HAVE TO DO
ANYTHIN'
LIKE THIS!

TAK

WELL,
HE'S
NOT.

ARE
YOU
GINGER-
ELLA?

I WAS
JUST DOING
WHATEVER
PUGS TOLD
ME.

LOOK,
GINGER-
ELLA.

...NO.

I'M SORRY
I TRIED TO
USE YOU.

It's a
Super-magic
book that
can help!

Then,
let's
play with
magic
-book-





YOU
PROBABLY
WANTED
TO USE
GRIMM,
TOO.

FOR
YOUR OWN
PURPOSES.

BUT
YOU WERE
TRYING TO
USE ME,
WEREN'T
YOU?



'BOUT
THE GUY
WHO
ORDERED
YOU TO
PROTECT
ME.

'BOUT
THE
AGREE-
MENT.

NOW,
WILL YOU
TALK TO
ME?



CINDER-
ELLA...

UP TO
NOW, I
DIDN'T
REALLY
CARE ABOUT
WHAT
YOU WERE
THINKING.

TELL ME
EVERYTHING





VERY WELL.



MOST LIKELY, AS THEY MASTERED THESE DISCIPLINES, THEY ALSO LEARNED VARIOUS TYPES OF MAGIC.

THEY USED A TECHNIQUE THAT ALLOWED THEM TO READ OTHER PEOPLE'S MEMORIES.



MY ANCESTORS.

WHA, THE PEOPLE WHO COLLECTED THE FAIRY TALES?

HOW WELL DO YOU ALL KNOW THE BROTHERS GRAMM?



SERIOUSLY?

WHY DIDN'T THEIR DESCENDANT GET ANY OF THOSE BRAINS?

THE BROTHERS GRAMM WERE GENIUSES WHO HAD MASTERED A NUMBER OF ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES, INCLUDING LINGUISTICS AND THE STUDY OF FOLKLORE.



LET
ME
GO!!

WHERE
AM I?!

AND
WHO—

HOW
TRAGIC.

SINKING TO
THE LEVEL OF
THE MARCHEN
DEMONS, TRYING
TO SCORCH US
WITH YOUR
HATRED OF
YOUR OWN
KIND.



BUT BETTER
MAKE IT THE
STORY OF A
BEAUTIFUL
AND LUN-
HAPPY GIRL...

BAS-
TARDS!!

YES,
THAT'S
A MUCH
BETTER
TALE.

LET US
CALL YOU
CINDERELLA,
COVERED
IN ASH.

POOR CINDER-
ELLA!



HATE
THEM AS
FEROCIOUSLY
AS YOU
LIKE...

NOW
THAT YOU
ARE ONE OF
THE MARCHEN,
YOU CANNOT
DESTROY YOUR
OWN KIND!

WHAT IF
SOMEONE WHO
COULD DEFEAT
THE MARCHEN
WERE TO APPEAR,
TWO HUNDRED
YEARS FROM
NOW...

BUT
WHAT
IF WE
MADE AN
APPOINT-
MENT!



THAT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY.
BUT IF HE DOES NOT DO
AS YOU SAY,
IT MATTERS NOTHING IF
YOU EAT HIS SOUL.

WAIT.

AND
IF THIS DESCENDANT
REFUSES
TO FIGHT?

WE'LL PASS
THIS POWER
ON TO OUR
DESCENDANT.

THE
ONE WE
CALLED
"PUSS IN
BOOTS."

LET'S HAVE
THAT ONE
PREPARE
SOME
"INSURANCE."

IT
WOULD
MAKE A
DULL TALE
IF IT ENDED
LIKE THAT.

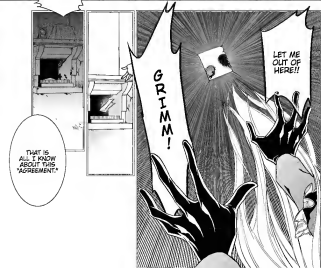
WE
ARE THE
BROTHERS
OF WAR.

WE
COLLECT
THE TRUTH
BEHIND
THE FAIRY
TALES.

QUITE
THE
COMEDY.

AN
UNDER-
STUDY
HERO?

THAT'S
ANOTHER
GRAND IDEA,
WHETHER IT
GOES WELL
OR NOT.





I WAS
WRONG
NOT TO
TELL YOU,
GRIMAL.

ST--



NOT
MUCH OF AN
AGREEMENT.
SEEMS LIKE A
PRETTY ONE-
SIDED DEAL
COOKED UP
BY Q-TOGGS
ANCESTORS.

SO...
THEY JUST
LOOKED INTO
YOUR HEAD
AT YOUR
MEMORIES?
HOW
TERRIBLE.



MY
ANCESTORS
HAVE BEEN
PULLING THE
STRINGS THIS
ENTIRE TIME!
I'M TOTALLY
GOING TO
PUNCH ALL
THEIR FACES!!

BUT
THESE
ANCESTORS
ARE FROM
TWO
HUNDRED
YEARS AGO,
RIGHT?
AREN'T THEY
ALREADY
DEAD...?

GETTIN'
PEOPLE TO
TRY AND
KILL THEIR
DESCENDANT,
ARRANGING
TO SWITCH
OUT THE
HERO JUST
'CAUSE
IT'D BE A
'COMEDY'!

STUPID
ANCES-
TORS!!



That
is
stupid.

It's
not
stupid.



YOU
HAVE MY
SINCEREST
APOLOGIES.



SORIMACHI-
SEN, IT
IS AS
YOU SAID.

KNOWING
WHAT THE
BROTHERS
HAD SET
IN MOTION,
I USED
YOU AND
GRIMAL.



BUT
ANYWAY.

SOR-
IMA—

I
COULDN'T
EVEN BE
AN UNDER-
STUDY.

IT'S FINE,
APPARENTLY,
I WASN'T
MEANT TO
BE THE
HERO.



How is that
not stupid??

Not stupid. I
mean, your grades
are what they are
after all.



HEY, HOLD
ON HERE!
WHY ARE
YOU TAKING
CHARGE??

WELL,
DUM,
BECAUSE
YOU'RE
STUPID.

I GET
THAT THIS
AGREEMENT
OR WHATEVER
IS PRETTY
MESSED
UP.

MIGHT
BE A WAY
OUT OF
IT. YOU
WANNA
LOOK
FOR IT?



HE
PROBABLY
DOESN'T
WANT TO
HEAR THAT
FROM ME.
GROW
UP.

HE COULD
JUST COME
RIGHT
OUT AND
SAY HE'S
WORRIED
ABOUT GRIMAL.

SO FTS-
HEADED.





AND I HAD
THIS FEELIN'
THAT I
SHOULDN'T
DO TOO DEEP
SO I NEVER
ASKED.

EVER
SINCE
I CAN
REMEMBER,
I'VE BEEN
BOUNCIN'
FROM PLACE
TO PLACE
WITH MOM.

NOT
KNOWIN'
ANY OF THE
REASONS
BEHIND IT.

YEAH.

OR,
WELL, WHAT
LITTLE I
KNOW ABOUT
'EM.

I TOLD
YOU 'BOUT
HOW I'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN
CHANGING
SCHOOLS,
RIGHT,
SORIMACHI?

BUT...

FIGURED
WE WERE
RUNNIN'
FROM
SOMETHING.



SOME-
THING'S
BUGGIN'
ME.

WHAT
WAS
IT...

.....

FROM
US?

MAYBE...
COULD
THAT
HAVE
BEEN
IT?



LAST
YEAR,
SHE WAS
SICK.

SHE
DIED.



WHERE'S
YOUR
MOM
NOW?



SOME-
THING'S
DEFINITELY
UP WITH
THIS
DAD OF
YOURS.

SAID TO
CHANGE
SCHOOLS
AND MOVE
HERE.

AFTER
MOM DIED,
THIS LETTER
SUDDENLY
APPEARED
SUPPOSEDLY
FROM MY
DAD.



HATSU-
SHIBAU!
WHAT'S
WRONG?!

WHY
ARE YOU
CRYING?!

WE
SHOULD
LOOK
FOR
HIM.

MAYBE HE
KNOWS
A WAY OUT
OF THE
AGREEMENT.

BUT--

AMM





I
NEED
YOUR
HELP.

I'M
PRETTY
USELESS
ON MY OWN.

PLEASE.



BUT
I DON'T
WANNA
PUT MY
FRIENDS IN
ANY MORE
DANGER
BECAUSE
OF SOME
STUPID DEAL
MADE BY MY
ANCESTORS.

I'LL
FIND MY
FATHER
FOR THAT.

WE'LL
FIND A
WAY OUT
OF IT.

WHICH
IS WHY...



BUT
I DON'T
WANNA
PUT MY
FRIENDS IN
ANY MORE
DANGER
BECAUSE
OF SOME
STUPID DEAL
MADE BY MY
ANCESTORS.

I'LL
FIND MY
FATHER
FOR
THAT.

WE'LL
FIND A
WAY OUT
OF IT.

WHICH
IS
WHY...



I'M
PRETTY
USELESS
ON MY
OWN.

PLEASE.

I
NEED
YOUR
HELP.







YOU HAVE
GOOD
FRIENDS.



YEAH.

THEY'RE
PRETTY
COOL.



SO YOU,
TOO, WILL
BOW YOUR
HEAD AT
TWES.

YEAH...
WELL,
THERE'S
A FIRST
TIME FOR
EVERY-
THING.



SO
WHAT ARE
YOU GOIN'
TO DO?

AND
YOU'RE NOT
BOLIND BY
THAT STUPID
AGREEMENT,
OR WHAT-
EVER.

THE
CINDERELLA
PAGE TO
BND YOU
IS GONE.

YOU'VE
GOT NO
REASON TO
FOLLOW
ME NOW.

YOU
DECIDE.



I UNDERSTAND
WHY YOU'D
DISTRUST ME,
REGARDLESS
OF WHAT I
SAY NOW.



I...

BUT I
WOULD LIKE
TO SERVE
YOU BEYOND
THAT.



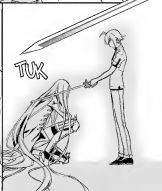
I HATE
THE
MUR-
DER-
DEMONS.

I WANT
REVENGE.

BUT I
HOPE...

YOU
WILL BE SO
GOOD AS TO
JUDGE FOR
YOURSELF
WHETHER OR
NOT I AM
WORTHY
OF YOUR
TRUST.

YOU ARE
THE ONLY
ONE WHO
CAN GIVE
ME THAT.





GRR!
JUST
FORGET
IT!



IT'S
TO BE
YOUR
MASTER'S
SHIELD*

.....



YOUR
MASTER'S
SHIELD
AT ALL
TIMES...



THAT'S
ACTUALLY
HOW YOU
FEEL?

PLEASE
ALLOW
ME THE
PLEASURE
OF COMPLETELY
YIELDING TO
YOUR MENTAL
DOMINATION.



BUT
IT'S THE
ANCIENT
TRADITION
OF THE
KNIGHTING
CEREMONY.

THIS
IS SO
EMBAR-
RASSING!

I DON'T
SEE WHY I
HAVE TO DO
THIS DUMB
RITUAL
ANYWAY!



DON'T
CALL IT A
FETISH!!

OH, IT'S
JUST A
FETISH.

YOU
WEREN'T
FAKING
THE
WHOLE
MASCOT-
GUIT THING?



I DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS, SO...

I LOVED IT WHEN MOM WOULD READ ME FAIRY TALES.

JUST SHUT UP AND LISTEN!

WHEN I WAS A KID...

OH.

HMP?

I USED TO WISH THE PEOPLE IN THE FAIRY TALES REALLY EXISTED...

Mmph



SO INSTEAD OF MASTER AND SERVANT...

WELL, ANYWAY, YOU GUYS ARE A LOT DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I THOUGHT, BUT YOU REALLY DO EXIST.

UH...



QUIT NIT-PICKING !!

I DO APOLO- GIZE, BUT IT'S SO CUTE.

BE- GODES, YOU ARE STILL A CHILD NOW.

DON'T LAUGH! I SAID THIS WAS WHEN I WAS A KID!



LET'S DO
THIS AS
FRIENDS!



I WAITED
FOR YOU IN
THE DARK
HEARTH.



WELCOME
HOME,
CINDERELLA.

GRIMM

ALONE
FOR SO
VERY
LONG.

I'M
HOME...

GRIMM.



I'LL
TAKE
IT.

THE CAT
PHONE?

WHAT
DO I DO
WITH THIS
THING?



HE
CAN USE
A CELL
PHONE
BETTER
THAN ME?

IT MIGHT BE A
POW. GAAH.

PLUGG
HAS SENT
AN EMAIL
WITH A VIDEO
ATTACHED.
SHALL I
PLAY IT?



BONJOUR!
HOW ARE
YOU?

YOUR
FAMILY'S
GOTTEN
QUITE
LARGE,
NOW?

WE'VE
ALSO
GOTTEN
OUR GROUP
TOGETHER,
AND WE'VE
DECIDED
TO GO UP
AGAINST
YOU.



ANTI-GRIMM
FORCE
JAGER*.



PLEASED TO
MAKE YOUR
ACQUAINTANCE.



HEY,
MONSIEUR
HERO.

YOU SURE
YOU MADE
THE RIGHT
CHOICE?

To be continued...

**YOU
DON'T
NEED TO
BE SO
BLUNT!!**

THE MORAL
OF THE STORY
IS YOU'LL MEET
A TERRIBLE END
IF YOU TRUST
PEOPLE TOO
EASILY!

SO
YOU
SEE...

*Wonderful
wonderful!*

*It's not
wonderfull!!*

Bonus comic
*Grimm Theatre
for Good Children*

OTOGI,
IS IT OKAY
IF I HIT
HIM?

DON'T
BOTHER.
HE'D
JUST
ENJOY
IT.

GOOD
CHILDREN
ALWAYS
LISTEN
TO WHAT
PEOPLE
TELL
THEM,
DON'T
THEY?

GETTING
AN
OBEDIENT
MAN-
SERVANT.

SUDDENLY
GETTING
AMAZING
POWERS.

IN
GENERAL,
THINGS
NEVER
HAPPEN
THIS
SIMPLY,
DO
THEY?

**WHAM
WHAM**

NOW, FOR
A CHANGE
OF FACE...

YOU'RE
COPYING
ME, QUIT
IT.

VERY
SHREWD

PROFES-
SOR, I DON'T
THINK YOU
NEED THOSE
GLASSES.

LET'S DIG
A LITTLE
DEEPER INTO
THE GRIMM
FAIRY TALES
WE'VE SEEN
SO FAR.

Lecture: Fun with
Grimm's Fairy Tales

FIRST, WE
HAVE "THE
BREMEN TOWN
MUSICIANS."

EVER SINCE
THE BROTHERS
GRIMM FIRST
PUBLISHED THE
FOLKTALES THEY
COLLECTED AS
CHILDREN'S AND
HOUSEHOLD TALES
IN 1812, PEOPLE
AROUND THE
WORLD HAVE
BEEN READING
AND REPRINTING
THEM, ADDING
REVISIONS AND
MODIFICATIONS.

GRIMM'S
FAIRY
TALES

Jacob Ludwig Karl Grimm

Wilhelm Karl Grimm

PLEASE
READ THE
DISCUSSION
GENERATING
THIS FROM
THIS.

WE
WILL NOW
DISCUSS
THE
ORIGINAL
STORIES
WRITTEN
DOWN BY
GRIMM.

Don't
call me
"this."

Kinder
und
Hausmärchen

CUT
MEOW
GOME
SLACK!

SO THEN
WHY CALL
IT "THE
BREMEN
TOWN
MUSICIANS"?

IN THE END,
THEY DID NOT
GO TO BREMEN,
AND THEY DID
NOT BECOME
MUSICIANS.

AN AGING DONKEY, DOG, CAT, AND
ROOSTER WERE CAST ASIDE BY THEIR
MASTERS. THE FOUR BEASTS SET
OUT ON A JOURNEY TO THE CITY OF
BREMEN, WHERE THEY PLANNED TO
BECOME MUSICIANS. ALONG THE WAY,
THEY FOUND A HOUSE OF THIEVES,
AND JOINED FORCES TO CHASE THE
THIEVES AWAY. THE FOUR THEN LIVED
HAPPILY EVER AFTER IN THE HOUSE.

ONCE UPON A TIME, IN A
LAND FAR AWAY, THERE LIVED
A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS NAMED
SNOW WHITE. HER STEPMOTHER,
THE QUEEN, WAS JEALOUS OF
THE PRINCESS'S BEAUTY. THE
QUEEN TURNED TO HER MAGIC
MIRROR AND ASKED IT WHO
WAS THE FAIREST IN THE LAND.

AND THE
MIRROR
SAID, "SNOW
WHITE IS THE
FAIREST."

NEXT,
"SNOW
WHITE."



Good
for
you!

IT'S JUST
AS GOOD
THAT THEY
ALL LIVED
TOGETHER
HAPPILY-
AH-HA.

THE
MORAL IS
THEY FOUND
HAPPINESS
WITHOUT
HAVING TO
GO MEOW.
THE WAY TO
BREMEN.

SEE
HOW MUCH
FUN YOU
CAN HAVE
LOOKING FOR
DIFFERENCES
FROM THE
ORIGINAL
STORYS??

PEOPLE
FELT IT
WOULDN'T BE
APPROPRIATE
FOR MOTHERS
TO READ THIS
TO THEIR
CHILDREN, SO
THE STORY
WAS REVISED
AND RE-
WRITTEN.

SHE...
SHE TRIED
TO KILL
HER OWN
DAUGHTER?!
HOW ANGRY!

IN LATER
VERSIONS,
THE VILLAIN
WAS OFTEN
TURNED INTO
A STEPMOTHER,
BUT IN THE
ORIGINAL TALE,
IT WAS SNOW
WHITE'S REAL
MOTHER.

THE QUEEN
WAS FURIOUS
AND DROVE
SNOW WHITE
INTO THE
DEPTHS OF
THE FOREST,
WHERE SHE
TRIED TO KILL
HER WITH A
POISONED
APPLE.





BONJOUR!
NO, I AM
BASICALLY
THE SAME
AS I WAS
IN THE
FIRST
PRINTING
OF
GIRL'S
PART
TALES!

A BEAU
CHAT WHO
WORKED
HARD
FOR HIS
MASTER!

YES, NEXT
WE HAVE
"PUSS IN
BOOTS!"

YOU IS-
NODDING
ME?

HE WAS
ABOUT TO
SKIN THE
CAT, SAYING
IT WAS
USELESS
TO HIM...

LIKE "THE
GRATEFUL
CRANE"?

HIS
MASTER
WAS SO
KIND
RIGHT?

IT'S A
HARD
WORLD!

HAIS
NOM!

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LET'S
RENDEZVOUS
AGAIN IN
THE NEXT
VOLUME!!
AU REVOIR!!

AND NOW
OUR TIME
IS UP, SO
CURTAINS
PLEASE!!

★ Thank you so
much for your
comments!
They made me
so happy!

Thanks
too!!

*A Japanese idiom which tells the story of a man releasing a crane from a trap and how that crane plays the flute.

CHARACTERS



HATSUSHIBA HIYORI

AGE: 14
 BIRTHDAY: MAY 18
 BLOOD TYPE: O
 HEIGHT: 164CM
 WEIGHT: NOT TELLING!
 LIKES: STUFFED ANIMALS,
 CUTE ACCESSORIES
 DISLIKES: SCARY STORIES,
 BUGS, REPTILES
 HOBBIES: COLLECTING
 STUFFED ANIMALS
 SPECIAL SKILLS: JUDO



SORIMACHI YUMA

AGE: 18
 BIRTHDAY: OCTOBER 25
 BLOOD TYPE: AB
 HEIGHT: 180CM
 WEIGHT: 65KG
 LIKES: STUDYING
 DISLIKES: PEOPLE
 WITH NO AMBITION
 HOBBIES: READING
 RECORDS OF THE
 THREE KINGDOMS
 STRATEGY BOOKS
 SPECIAL SKILLS: SHOGI



PUSS IN BOOTS



STAGE NAME: NEKOTA YOZO
AGE: 7 LOOKS TO BE 32
BIRTHDAY: ??
BLOOD TYPE: ??
HEIGHT: 17CM
WEIGHT: 62KG
LIKES: ???
DISLIKES: ???
HOBBIES: LISTENING
TO MUSIC (ANY GENRE)
SPECIAL SKILLS: PRODUCING



SNOW WHITE

AGE: 7 LOOKS TO BE 17
BIRTHDAY: ??
BLOOD TYPE: ??
HEIGHT: 174CM
WEIGHT: 54KG
LIKES: HIMSELF,
BEAUTIFUL THINGS
DISLIKES: MIRRORS,
UGLY THINGS
HOBBIES: IMPROVING HIMSELF
SPECIAL SKILLS: POISON MAKING





DANNY WHITE: "WANT'S INTERNS WITH US?"
 CINDERELLA: "GO AHEAD AND ASK HER SEX."









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PARTY

THE FINAL
BATTLE!!

JÄGER
VS.

WHO WILL WIN?!





WHO WILL WIN?!

JÄGER
VS.

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THE FINAL
BATTLE!!



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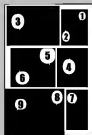
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